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Midterm comprehensive review of the implementation of the International Decade for Action, "Water for Sustainable Development", 2018–2028

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 71/222 of 21 December 2016, by which it proclaimed the period from 2018 to 2028 the International Decade for Action, "Water for Sustainable Development",

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Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolutions 1980/67 of 25 July 1980 on international years and anniversaries and 1989/84 of 24 May 1989 on guidelines for international decades in economic and social fields and General Assembly resolutions 53/199 of 15 December 1998 and 61/185 of 20 December 2006 on the proclamation of international years,

Reaffirming the sustainable development goals and targets related to water resources, including those contained in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,[1] and determined to achieve the goal of ensuring the availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all and other related goals and targets,

Reaffirming also its resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development", in which it adopted a comprehensive, far-reaching and people-centred set of universal and transformative Sustainable Development Goals and targets, its commitment to working tirelessly for the full implementation of the Agenda by 2030, its recognition that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development, its commitment to achieving sustainable development in its three dimensions — economic, social and environmental — in a balanced and integrated manner, and to building upon the achievements of the Millennium Development Goals and seeking to address their unfinished business,

Reaffirming further that the high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, has a central role in overseeing the follow-up and review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda at the global level,

Recognizing synergies between the 2030 Agenda, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development,[2] the Paris Agreement adopted under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change[3] and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030,[4]

Taking note of the report of the High-level Panel on Water established by the Secretary-General and the President of the World Bank,

Taking note also of the Final Declaration, Co-Chairs' summary and Call for Action and Partnership of the High-level International Conference on the International Decade for Action, "Water for Sustainable Development", 2018–2028, convened jointly by the Government of Tajikistan and the United Nations in Dushanbe from 20 to 22 June 2018,

Noting the outcomes and the Ministerial Declaration of the eighth World Water Forum, held in Brasilia from 18 to 23 March 2018,

1. *Welcomes* the United Nations Secretary-General's Plan: Water Action Decade 2018–2028, launched during the high-level event of the seventy-second session of the General Assembly held at the initiative of the President of the General Assembly on 22 March 2018, World Water Day;

2. *Also welcomes* the activities related to water undertaken by Member States, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat and

[1] Resolution 70/1.
[2] Resolution 69/313, annex.
[3] See FCCC/CP/2015/10/Add.1, decision 1/CP.21, annex.
[4] Resolution 69/283, annex II.

UN-Water, as well as contributions from major groups, for the observance and implementation of the Decade;

3. *Reaffirms* its decision, in accordance with its resolution 71/222 on the International Decade for Action, "Water for Sustainable Development", 2018–2028, to review the implementation of the Decade at its seventy-seventh session;

4. *Decides* to convene a United Nations conference on the midterm comprehensive review of the implementation of the Decade in New York from 22 to 24 March 2023, coinciding with World Water Day;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, with the support of UN-Water, the specialized agencies, the regional commissions and other entities of the United Nations system, to prepare a report to assess the progress made in the implementation of the first half of the Decade, including the United Nations Secretary-General's Plan: Water Action Decade 2018–2028, share best practices and lessons learned, identify obstacles and constraints encountered, as well as actions and initiatives needed to overcome them during the second half of the Decade, as appropriate, and serve as an input to the high-level political forum on sustainable development;

6. *Decides* that the comprehensive midterm review shall be preceded by regional preparatory meetings and that all costs relating to the review and its preparation shall be financed through voluntary contributions, and in this connection requests the Secretary-General to coordinate the preparatory process and to invite all relevant organizations of the United Nations system, including the regional commissions and other organizations, within their respective mandates, to provide support to the review process;

7. *Encourages* Member States, relevant United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies, the regional commissions and other organizations of the United Nations system, as well as other relevant partners, including the private sector, to contribute to the review and implementation of the Decade, including capacity-building for implementation, in order to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;[1]

8. *Reiterates* the critical importance of effective review at the national, regional and international levels, and in this regard invites Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, financial institutions, private sector and other relevant stakeholders, and donors to contribute to the voluntary trust fund for the purpose of assisting developing countries in participating fully and effectively in the review and implementation of the Decade;

9. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to appoint at its seventy-fifth session two co-facilitators, one from a developing country and one from a developed country, to oversee the preparatory process and to prepare the summary of the Conference;

10. *Decides* to finalize the arrangements of the review during its seventy-fifth session, taking into account the process of follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda at the global level after the first cycle of the high-level political forum on sustainable development;

11. *Invites* the Secretary-General, with the support of UN-Water, to continue taking appropriate steps, within existing resources, to support and organize the activities of the Decade at the global, regional and country levels, taking into account the work of the high-level political forum on sustainable development and other relevant United Nations structures, and to support those Member States with a lack of capacity, at their request, for the implementation of the Decade;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its seventy-fifth session on the implementation of the present resolution, as well as on the activities planned by Member States, the Secretary-General and other relevant organizations of the United Nations system for the implementation and review of the Decade.

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